

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

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Page 1, line 1, insert ~~/~~-This application is a Continuation-in-Part of PCT/IB00/00168, filed February 4, 2000, designating the U.S., published August 10, 2000 as WO 00/45647 and claiming priority from GB 9902520.7 filed February 4, 1999. All of the above-mentioned applications, as well as all documents cited herein and documents referenced or cited in documents cited herein, are hereby incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. A process for the preparation of a modified masa foodstuff, the process comprising the steps of
 - (i) preparing a masa by nixtamalisation of corn
 - (ii) contacting a reducing agent or an enzyme with
 - (a) the masa, and/or
 - (b) the corn prior to nixtamalisation;such that a protein native to the corn is modified.

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2. (Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the masa foodstuff is selected from corn tortilla, soft tortilla, corn chips, tortilla chips, taco shells, tamales, derivatives and mixtures thereof.